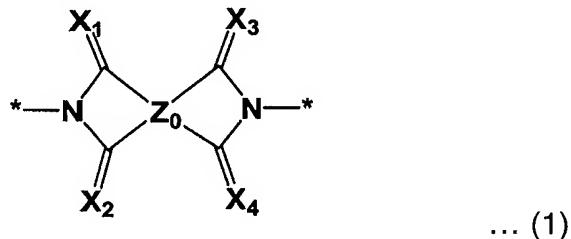


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

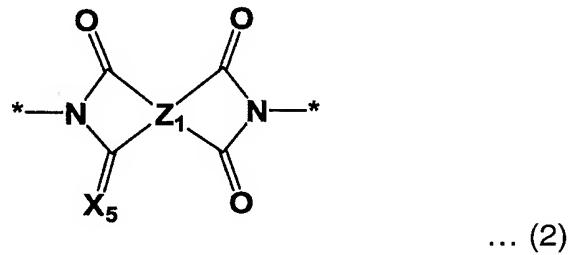
**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended) A compound having a structure wherein structural units represented by the general formula (1) are bonded to one another without a linking group,



wherein, in the formula, X<sub>1</sub> to X<sub>4</sub> each independently represent an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR<sub>0</sub> (wherein R<sub>0</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, ~~or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group~~); Z<sub>0</sub> represents a tetravalent organic group; and \* represents a bonding position.

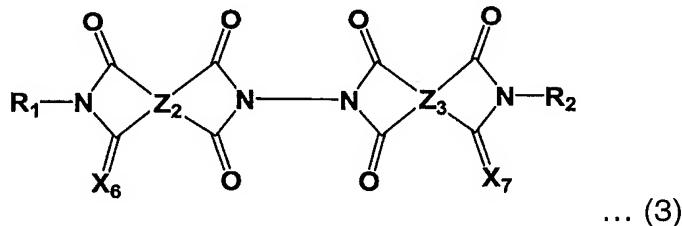
2. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, comprising structural units represented by the general formula (2),



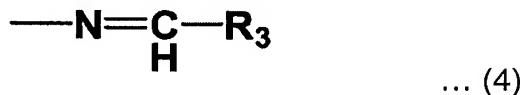
wherein, in the formula, Z<sub>1</sub> represents a tetravalent organic group; X<sub>5</sub> represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or NR<sub>0</sub> (wherein R<sub>0</sub> represents a hydrogen atom, ~~or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted~~

unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group); and \*  
represents a bonding position.

3. (Currently Amended) The compound according to claim 1, represented by the general formula (3),



wherein, in the formula,  $Z_2$  and  $Z_3$  each independently represent a tetravalent organic group constituting a tetracarboxylic acid and its derivatives;  $X_6$  and  $X_7$  each independently represent an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom or  $NR_0$  (wherein  $R_0$  represents a hydrogen atom, or a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent organic group); when  $X_6$  is a nitrogen atom,  $X_6$  may be bonded to  $R_1$  for forming a ring structure; when  $X_7$  is a nitrogen atom,  $X_7$  may be bonded to  $R_2$  for forming a ring structure; and  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  each independently represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group or a group selected from the group consisting of the following general formula (4),



wherein, in the formula,  $R_3$  represents a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted cycloalkyl group.

4. (Currently Amended) An electrophotographic photoconductor containing at least ~~one kind of the compounds~~ one compound as described in claim 1.

5. (Currently Amended) An organic transistor containing at least ~~one kind~~  
~~of the compounds~~ one compound as described in claim 1.

6. (Currently Amended) An organic solar cell containing at least ~~one kind~~  
~~of the compounds~~ one compound as described in claim 1.

7. (Currently Amended) An organic electroluminescent device containing  
at least ~~one kind of the compounds~~ one compound as described in claim 1.